

HOUSE RESOLUTION 24

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Lee University on being listed on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction for three consecutive years.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those colleges and universities that educate their students about the importance of service and of giving back to the community and this great State; and

WHEREAS, Lee University is one such noteworthy establishment that has, through its excellent service learning program, instilled into its students the value of dedicated public service and active participation in the community for the benefit of others; and

WHEREAS, for the third consecutive year, Lee University has been listed on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction, a prestigious honor shared by only eighty-two other institutions across the United States; and

WHEREAS, launched in 2006, the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognizes colleges and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning programs; Lee was recognized in honor of its successful service-learning program; and

WHEREAS, honorees are selected on consideration of the scope, innovativeness, and evidence of effectiveness of its service projects, the percentage of total student enrollment engaged in the service activities, especially those engaged in at least twenty hours of service per semester, the percentage of total enrollment engaged in academic service-learning courses, the extent to which these courses are offered by the university, whether the service is a required part of the curriculum, whether the institution rewards the faculty for the use of service-learning, whether community service is cited in the institution's mission statement, and whether the

institution supports at least one full-time staff member as a coordinator of student community service activities, among other criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Honor Roll is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service and is sponsored by the United States Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, Lee University is one of only four Tennessee schools honored with this high distinction, including East Tennessee State University, Lipscomb University, and Rhodes College; and

WHEREAS, Lee is one of only twenty-six institutions that has been listed on the Honor Roll with Distinction for three consecutive years since the inception of the awards; and

WHEREAS, known as the Volunteer State, Tennessee is built upon a spirit of community service and volunteerism, and this General Assembly wishes to pause in its deliberations to commend those estimable colleges and universities that continue to teach these foundational values; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lee University on its flourishing service-learning program and congratulate the President, staff, faculty, and students on being listed on the prestigious President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction for three consecutive years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.